

What is claimed is:

1. A stowage cabinet for a motor vehicle comprising:

a front, a back, and sides therebetween;

a cabinet cleat top extending from the front toward the back and being located between the sides;

a cabinet bracket having an angled proximal end and a linear end and projecting outwardly at the angled proximal end toward the back; and

a lateral support extending toward and mounted to one of the sides of the cabinet.

2. A stowage cabinet for a motor vehicle of claim 1, wherein the cabinet cleat further comprises:

a base having openings and projecting from the angled proximal end of the cabinet bracket toward the front; and

wherein the base mounts to the cabinet cleat top with cabinet fasteners extending through the openings and into the cabinet cleat top.

3. An apparatus for a motor vehicle with a frame having a roof comprising:

a stowage cabinet having a front, a back, and sides therebetween;

a cabinet cleat top extending from the front toward the back and being located between the sides of the cabinet;

a cabinet cleat mounted to the cabinet cleat top, the cabinet cleat comprising a base, and a cabinet bracket having an angled proximal end and a linear end and projecting outwardly from the base at the angled proximal end toward the back of the cabinet

a roof cleat engaging the cabinet cleat, the roof cleat comprising a plate, a roof bracket having an angled plate end and extending outwardly from the plate at the angled plate end, and a hook extending from the roof bracket distal to the plate; and

fastening means for fastening the roof cleat to the roof.

4. An apparatus for a motor vehicle having a roof of claim 3, wherein the linear end distal to the base engages the hook.

5. An apparatus for a motor vehicle having a roof of claim 4, wherein the cabinet cleat mounts to the cabinet cleat top with cabinet fasteners extending through openings in the base and into the cabinet cleat top.

6. An apparatus for a motor vehicle having a roof of claim 5, wherein the fastening means further comprises:

roof fasteners extending through apertures in the plate and into the roof.

7. An apparatus for a motor vehicle having a roof of claim 6, wherein the cabinet cleat further comprises:

a lateral support extending outwardly from the base and mounted to one of the sides of the cabinet.

8. A method of installing a stowage cabinet within a motor vehicle frame with a roof, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a roof cleat comprising a plate, a roof bracket having an angled plate end and extending outwardly from the plate at the plate end, and a hook extending from the roof bracket distal to the plate;

positioning the roof cleat onto the roof;

fastening the roof cleat to the roof;

aligning a cabinet cleat on the stowage cabinet with the roof cleat;

nesting the cabinet cleat within the hook of the roof cleat; and

attaching the stowage cabinet to the motor vehicle frame.

9. A method of installing a stowage cabinet within a motor vehicle frame with a roof of claim 8, further comprising the step of:

fastening the cabinet cleat and the roof cleat together.

10. A method of installing a stowage cabinet within a motor vehicle frame with a roof of claim 9, wherein the cabinet cleat further comprises:

a base, and a cabinet bracket having an angled proximal end and a linear end and projecting outwardly from the base at the angled proximal end.

11. A method of installing a stowage cabinet within a motor vehicle frame with a roof of claim 10, wherein the cabinet cleat further comprises:

a lateral support extending outwardly from the base and mounted to one of the sides of the cabinet.

12. A method of installing a stowage cabinet within a motor vehicle frame with a roof of claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

supporting the roof cleat against the roof with a fixture having a head with four sides, and a shoulder extending from a second side of the head and extending away from a third side of the head opposite; and

removing the fixture from the roof cleat once the roof cleat is fastened to the roof.

13. A method of installing a stowage cabinet within a motor vehicle frame with a roof of claim 12, further comprising the step of :

nesting the fixture within the roof cleat.

14. A method of installing a stowage cabinet within a motor vehicle frame with a roof of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

aligning throughholes in the head with apertures in the plate before fastening the roof cleat to the roof.

15. A method of installing a stowage cabinet within a motor vehicle frame with a roof of claim 14, wherein the cabinet cleat further comprises:

a lateral support extending outwardly from the base and mounted to one of the sides of the cabinet.